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*Whereas, the Holy Name Parish Catholic Church of Cedar Lake began as a gathering of German immigrants who settled in Hanover Centre, Indiana. Despite several devastating fires throughout its history, the parish, through the determination and fortitude of its members, not only persevered, but has continued to grow in service to the community;*

*Whereas, in the 1840's there were enough settlers in the Hanover Centre area that a priest began to stop in the community to give mass. The residents gathered at the log home of Matthias and Johanna Geisen for the service;*

*Whereas, in 1859, Saint Matthias Church became the first parish to be built in Hanover Centre and served the community for seven years until it was destroyed by fire;*

*Whereas, the people of Hanover Centre worked together and in 1868 completed building a new, single-spined frame church which was named Saint Martin Church. In 1969, the first resident pastor, Reverend Frank Siegelack moved into the first rectory;*



*Whereas, the church continued to grow and in 1881 a public school building was added to the parish grounds. The school was run by the parish and served the children of Hanover Centre and surrounding communities;*

*Whereas, in 1911, the congregation began building a new brick church and two-story brick school which was completed in 1913;*

*Whereas, in 1930, the church suffered another tragedy when the parish building was destroyed by fire. The members continued holding mass in the school until a new basement church was built in 1932;*

*Whereas, from 1932 to 1980, the School Sisters of Saint Francis from Milwaukee devoted their ministry to the spiritual success of the Holy Name Parish of Cedar Lake;*

*Whereas, the present Holy Name Parish of Cedar Lake was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day in 1940;*

*Whereas, Holy Name Parish of Cedar Lake is now a cornerstone of the community where families send their pre-schoolers to begin a proper education, where senior adults are taken to receive living and nutritional assistance, and where any person can escape to the parish chapel for a brief respite from a hectic day; and*

*Whereas, the Holy Name Parish's continued commitment to building a community inclusive of this changing population is evidenced by the implementation of the RENEW 2000 and Generations of Faith programs in the fall of 2004: Therefore,*



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly  
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1           SECTION 1: That the Indiana General Assembly honors Holy  
2           Name Parish of Cedar Lake on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
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4           SECTION 2: The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
5           transmit a copy of this Resolution to Reverend Edward Tlucek of Holy  
6           Name Parish of Cedar Lake.

